

FRAMMINGHAM RADIO CLUB

MAY 1978

PRESIDENT LEW NYMAN K1AZE****V.P. JIM BOATES WA1UEH****
TREAS. HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ****SECY. MIKE KELLER WA1KQH**
CLUB CALLSIGN W1FY***CLUB RAGCHEW NET ON TUESDAY AT 9:00
P.M. ON 28.625 MHZ, EXCEPT MEETING NIGHTS.**EDITOR JIM**
BOATES WA1UEH. MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY.***

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FRC WILL BE HELD
AT THE CIVIC LEAGUE BUILDING, 21 CONCORD
STREET, TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 16TH AT 7:30 PM.
THE FULL REPORT OF THE FLEA MARKET, THE
MESSAGES TO ISRAEL AND OTHER IMPORTANT CLUB
BUSINESS WILL BE UP FOR DISCUSSION. THIS
IS THE NEXT TO LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR AND
IT IS ALSO ELECTION NIGHT. I'M SURE YOU CAN ALL SPARE A
FEW MOMENTS TO CAST YOUR BALLOTS FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR
CHOICE.

THE FLEA MARKET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, BOTH THE BUYERS
AND SELLERS COMPLIMENTED US ON THE WAY IT WAS RUN. THE
ONLY COMPLAINTS HEARD WAS THAT THERE WAS NO FOOD OR DRINK
AVAILABLE AT THE DRILL SHED. MAYBE NEXT YEAR WE CAN GET
A CANTEN TRUCK TO PARK OUTSIDE FOR THE DAY AND ANSWER
THAT COMPLAINT.

SUNDAY MAY 7TH, THE FRC OPERATED A BOOTH TO HELP IN
CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.
WE ACCEPTED AND TRANSMITTED 52 SEPERATE MESSAGES TO VARIOUS
PARTS OF ISRAEL. SETTING UP THE ANTENNA, TRANSCIEVERS AND
ALLIED EQUIPMENT WERE: JOHN MACLEOD WA1IGL, BOB DAY WB1FXR
LEW NYMAN K1AZE, JIM BOATES WA1UEH. HELPING TO TAKE MESS-
AGES IN THE BOOTH WERE MIKE APKON WB1EGD AND TED GRUBER
WB1ECE. JON WEINER K1VVC ALSO HELPED OUT FROM HIS QTH,
RELAYING MESSAGES TO ISRAEL. AS YOU ALL KNOW CONDITIONS
HAVE HAVE BEEN BAD BUT ALL THE MESSAGES WILL BE SENT.

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EDITORIAL

THE CLUB BOASTS 53 PAID UP MEMBERS, 15 SHOWED UP FOR
OUR LAST MEETING. IT SEEMS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET A GOOD
TURNOUT IS TO GIVE AWAY BEER AND PIZZA, MAYBE WE SHOULD
GIVE UP AS A RADIO CLUB AND BECOME A BEER AND PIZZA CLUB.

OUR FLEA MARKET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, PROVIDING THE
CLUB WITH ABOUT \$500 WORKING CAPITAL. DO YOU KNOW WHO
SHOWED UP TO GET THE TABLES, SET THEM UP FOR THE FLEA MAR-
KET. NOBODY! YOUR PRESIDENT LEW K1AZE AND VP JIM WA1UEH
HAD TO DO IT ALONE. WHERE WERE YOU? DO YOU KNOW WHO PUT
THE TABLES AWAY AND CLEANED UP THE HALL. LEW K1AZE, JIM
WA1UEH, MAC WA1IGL AND BOB WB1FXR. WHERE WERE YOU? NOW THAT
THE MONEY HAS BEEN EARNED I KNOW YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD
ON HOW TO SPEND IT.

WE ALSO HAD A MESSAGE CENTER, TO SEND MESSAGES TO
ISRAEL. WHERE WERE YOU? WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND MAKE A
DECENT SHOWING FIELD DAY JUNE 24-25. SO FAR, ONLY 5 MEM-
BERS HAVE SIGNED UP WITH MAC. WHERE ARE YOU?



WE HAVE TRIED EVERY WAY WE KNOW TO GET YOU TO PARTICIPATE, TO NO AVAIL. THE DAYS THAT HAMS CAN SIT ON THEIR HAMS, CONTEMPLATE THEIR NAVELS AND THINK WHAT A SMART BOY AM I, ARE GONE. WE ARE OUR BROTHERS KEEPER. LETS TRY AND SAVE EVERY MHZ OF FREQUENCIES WE CAN FOR THE HAMS WHO WILL COME AFTER US.

JIM BOATES WA1UEH.....

WE ARE SAD TO NOTE THE PASSING OF THE CONNECTICUT HAM TRADER. THE MAY ISSUE IS THE LAST. I QUOTE IT'S EDITOR JOE SZCZECH K1IKE, "THE MAIN REASON FOR DISCONTINUING PUBLICATION IS THE LACK OF SUPPORT BY THE AMATEURS WHO LIKE TO READ IT. I AM AMAZED AT THE NUMBER OF HAMS THAT WANT TO RECIEVE THE TRADER FOR FREE, ADVERTISE FREE, BUT DON'T WANT TO PART WITH \$3.00 TO HELP SUPPORT IT."

JUNE 4TH - EASTERN CONN. AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC., 9AM. TO 6PM., WEBSTER, MASS.
HAM GEAR, CB, AUDIO, PARTS, SURPLUS, AUCTION AT 2PM. FOR INFO CALL RON
203-928-5930, OR DICK 617-943-4420. TO BE HELD AT POINT BREEZE RESTAURANT,
WEBSTER, MASS.

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AUTOPATCHES AND REVERSE AUTOPATCHES IN PARTICULAR WERE DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH IN THE FCC DOCUMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IT POINTED OUT THAT THE REGULATIONS REQUIRE A CONTROL OPERATOR BE ON DUTY WHENEVER AUTOPATCHING OR REVERSE AUTOPATCHING OCCURS, EFFECTIVELY PROHIBITING AUTOPATCH USE WHEN A REPEATER IS OPERATING "AUTOMATIC CONTROL." IT FURTHER STATED THAT" ALL CALLS NOT INITIATED AT AN AMATEUR STATION HAD TO BE SCREENED BY THE CONTROL OPERATOR BEFORE BEING PLACED ON THE AIR. "THOUGH A REVISED RELEASE IS TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT AUTOPATCH OPERATORS AND USERS SHOULD START NOW TO TIGHTEN UP THEIR OPERATIONS.

AUTOPATCH FINANCING COULD RAISE STILL ANOTHER STICKY QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO ITT TARIFFS, WØMKZ POINTS OUT IN BOULDER QSP, IF MONEY IS COLLECTED FROM USERS SPECIFICALLY TO PAY FOR THEIR USE OF THE AUTOPATCH. IT APPEARS CLUBS OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTOPATCH REPEATERS WOULD BE ON FIRMER GROUND IF AUTOPATCH COSTS WERE TO BE COVERED AS JUST ANOTHER EXPENSE ITEM FINANCED FROM CLUB REVUNUES.

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE FRC WAS HELD AT THE CIVIC LEAGUE BUILDING, THE MEETING OPENED AT 19:35 HRS. PRESIDENT, LEW NYMAN PRESIDING. FOLLOWING ARE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

UNDER DISCUSSION, WAS THE PROPOSITION, SHOULD THE FRC TAKE OVER AND OPERATE THE FRAMINGHAM REPEATER STATION. THE DISCUSSION TURNED OUT TO BE A LESSON IN FUTILITY, AS OTHER PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE OVER OPERATION OF THE REPEATER. (WAS THE FRC USED AS A CLUB TO SHOCK AWAKE MEMBERS OF THE FRAMINGHAM REPEATER GROUP. **editors comment**).

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP WITH "MAC" WA1IGL TO OPERATE ON FIELD DAY, HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ, LEW NYMAN K1AZE, TONY LA SCALA WA1MTI, BOB DAY WB1FXR, JOHN MACLEOD WA1IGL, JIM BOATES WA1UEH. RAY SHOOP N1CW WILL TAKE CARE OF THE PAPER WORK, THE PARTICIPANTS OF FIELD DAY WILL MEET BEFORE THE EVENT AND RAY WILL INSTRUCT US IN THE CORRECT LOGGING PROCEDURES. PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING TO PREVENT THE HORRIBLE MIXUP OF LAST YEAR. WE HAD TO THROW OUT MANY, MANY CONTACTS DUE TO INCORRECT LOGGING, AND HANDWRITING THAT THE DEVIL HIMSELF COULD NOT DECIPHER. ALSO UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING WILL BE THE LOGISTICS OF SUPPLY NECESSARY TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

RAY SHOOP N1CW REPORTED THAT AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CLUB LICENSE W1FY THAT HE HAS RENEWED IT FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

A RFI COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT LEW NYMAN K1AZE TO CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, RON EGALKA K1YHM, JULIE HOFFER W1DL, AND JOHN MACLEOD WA1IGL. IF YOU HAVE ANY RFI PROBLEMS PLEASE CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, THEY WILL BE VERY GLAD TO ASSIST YOU IN CORRECTING YOUR PROBLEMS. IN YOUR EDITORS OPINION, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEE. PUBLIC RELATIONS ARE A MUST IF WE ARE GOING TO KEEP OUR FREQUENCIES, AND THIS COMMITTEE CAN GO A LONG WAY IN PROVIDING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE CLUB.

UNDER DISCUSSION WAS THE SELECTION OF A NEW NAME FOR THE NEWSLETTER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING THE NAMES SUBMITTED WOULD BE VOTED ON AND THREE NAMES SELECTED. THESE NAMES WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND THE FINAL NAME SELECTED AT THE JUNE MEETING. THE PERSON SUBMITTING THE NEW NAME WOULD RECEIVE A NICE GIFT.

"MAC" WA1IGL SUGGESTED THAT A LIST OF MEMBERS WHO ARE SPECIALISTS IN VARIOUS PHASES OF THE AMATEUR RADIO ART BE LISTED, WITH THEIR SPECIALTY AND PHONE NUMBER IN THE NEWSLETTER. YOUR EDITOR WILL CONTACT, AND LIST THOSE WILLING TO HELP THEIR BROTHER HAMS.

PRESIDENT LEW NYMAN K1AZE APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, JULIE HOFFER, JOHN MACLEOD, AND ENZO ROTATORI TO FORM A NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO SELECT A SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

UNDER DISCUSSION WAS THE RAISING OF THE CLUB DUES. IT WAS STATED THAT A BYLAW CHANGE WAS NECESSARY TO RAISE THE DUES. I FEEL THAT THIS IS AN ERROR AS ARTICLE V, WHICH FOLLOWS, CLEARLY DEFINES.

ARTICLE V

SEC 1- THE FRAMINGHAM RADIO CLUB BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE ACTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY REGULAR MEETING MAY LEVY UPON THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SUCH DUES OR ASSESMENTS AS SHALL BE DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION WITHIN ITS OBJECT AS SET FORTH IN THE PREAMBLE THEREOF. NON-PAYMENT OF SUCH DUES OR ASSESMENTS SHALL BE CAUSE FOR EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE MEMBERSHIP..

IT IS YOUR EDITOR OPINION THAT \$3.00 IS A RIDICULOUSLY SMALL AMOUNT TO PAY IN THESE DAYS OF INFLATION. THERE IS NO REASON THAT THE NEWSLETTER AND CLUB ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT BE SELF SUSTAINING. EVEN THE ANNUAL CLUB DINNER IS SUBSISTED BY THE CLUB TREASURY. AT THIS TIME EVERY MEMBER IS A DRAIN ON THE TREASURY RATHER THAN ADDING TO A FUND THAT COULD BE USED TO PURCHASE A REPEATER, PAY CLUB MEETING RENTALS, ETC. SO LET'S MAKE THE DUES FOR NEXT YEAR \$5.00, IT MAKES SENSE...

THE TENTATIVE NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR THE 78-79 SEASON ARE AS FOLLOWS: LEW NYMAN K1AZE, PRESIDENT. JIM BOATES WA1UEH V.P. HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ, TREASURER. MARK KELLER WB1AMY, SECRETARY. NOMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED AT THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS ELECTION NIGHT..

HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ GAVE A BRIEF TREASURERS REPORT. WHICH WAS ACCEPTED AS READ. A COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE JUNE MEETING.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15PM..

RAY SHOOP N1CW HAS MOVED INTO HIS NEW DREAM HOUSE, LOCATED JUST WEST OF 495 IN MARLBORO. SITTING IN THE YARD IS A 140 FOOT TOWER TOPPED OFF BY A TELEREX TRIBANDER, FED BY A KENWOOD 820S. GOOD DXING RAY..

A NEW 10-METER PHONE BAND FROM 28.4-25.5 MHZ AND LIMITED TO 25 WATTS INPUT, AM ONLY, HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN A PETITION FOR RULE MAKING FILED BY W6RCL AND DESIGNATED RM-3091 BY THE FCC. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL IS THAT SUCH A BAND WOULD ENCOURAGE AMATEURS TO CONVERT INEXPENSIVE, READILY AVAILABLE CB EQUIPMENT AND THUS PROVIDE AN EXCELLANT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RESERVOIR IN TIME OF DISASTER. COMMENTS ON RM-3091 MUST BE FILED WITH THE FCC (WITH A COPY TO W6RCL) BY MAY 10. (HRR)

R.L. DRAKE WILL OPPOSE FCC'S BAN ON 10-METER LINEARS WITH A PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO BE FILED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE THRUST OF FRAKE'S OBJECTION TO THE BAN WILL BE THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TYPE ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL EFFECTIVELY PREVENT AN AMATEUR AMPLIFIERS USE BY A Cber, SO THE BAN UNNECESSARILY PENALIZES AMATEURS AND THOSE WHO SERVE THE AMATEUR MARKET. SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR AMPLIFIER MANUFACTURERS WERE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING SIMILAR ACTION, BUT WERE NOT READY TO COMMIT THEMSELVES, ARRL WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO FILE AGAINST THE BAN.

THE NEW CHIEF OF THE FCC'S SAFETY AND SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU IS CARLOS ROBERTS, REPLACING CHARLIE HIGGINBOTHAM WHOSE RETIREMENT BECAME OFFICIAL APRIL 7. ROBERTS COMES TO SAFETY AND SPECIAL SERVICES FROM THE FCC'S OFFICE OF PLANS AND POLICY, WHERE HE'S BEEN CHIEF SINCE JULY 1975. HE'S BEEN WITH THE FCC SINCE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE IN 1970, STARTING WITH THE FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU. IN 1973 HE SUPERVISED A SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT FACILITY FOR CB RULES, SO HE'S NO STRANGER TO EITHER CB OR AMATEUR RADIO... (HRR)

HY-GAIN HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY TELEX, ACCORDING TO WORD JUST RELEASED. HY-GAIN, WHICH HAD BEEN DECLARED BANKRUPT RECENTLY IN FEDERAL COURT, PLANS TO BE BACK IN PRODUCTION EARLY IN MAY AS A DIVISION OF THE TELEX CORPORATION. THE DEAL HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE FOUR BANKS TO WHICH HY-GAIN REPORTEDLY OWED \$23 MILLION, AND NOW ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS THE SIGNATURE OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE. NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED IN GETTING THAT SIGNATURE...

HY-GAINS PRODUCT LINES WILL INCLUDE AMATEUR ANTENNAS AND ELECTRONICS, MARINE ANTENNAS AND GEAR, GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCIAL ANTENNAS, AND CB ANTENNAS. NOTABLY LACKING WILL BE THE CB ELECTRONICS THAT CAUSED SO MANY OF THEIR PROBLEMS IN RECENT MONTHS. EXPECT TO SEE HY-GAIN BACK IN BUSINESS SOON.. (HRR)

THE USE OF THE 144-148 MHZ BAND BY MILITARY TRAFFIC IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN REPORTED BY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, THE PUBLICATION OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN. THE MAGAZINE STATES THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN RAISED WITH JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS, WHO APPEAR RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THEIR LUCRATIVE MARKETING OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT TO MILITARY SERVICES IN THE AREA. THE RADIO SOCIETY SUGGESTS A BOYCOTT BY AMATEURS TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER SALES..

HARD TO UNDERSTAND QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS ON ANY OF THE FCC'S AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF BOB KITE, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, PERSONAL RADIO DIVISION, ROOM 5114, 2025 M STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554. NATURALLY, HE WILL NEED TO KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHICH QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, OR WORDINGS YOU THINK NEED TO BE REWRITTEN. (HRR)

FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF FCC RULES ON THE HAM BANDS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN, ENFORCEMENT CENTER: (616)673-2063. ILLEGAL CB OPERATIONS MAY BE REPORTED TO THE GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, CENTER: (308) 382-4296. ACCORDING TO K9UQN, AN OFFICIAL OBSERVER FOR THE ARRL, SOMEONE IS ALWAYS THERE TO TAKE A COMPLAINT.

GENERAL CLASS LICENSEES WILL BE PERMITTED USE OF 50.0-50.1 MHZ IN A RULES CHANGE JUST ANNOUNCED BY THE FCC, THE CHANGE BRINGS GENERAL 6-METER PRIVILEGES IN LINE WITH THOSE OF TECHNICIANS, WHO WERE GRANTED THE LOW END OF SIX IN THE SECOND REPORT AND ORDER ON DOCKET 2028 ADOPTED MARCH 22. THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS MAY 15... (HRR)

N6QQ'S CHALLENGE AGAINST THE ANTENNA RESTRICTIONS OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN REJECTED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, DESPITE EARLIER OPINIONS BY HIS ATTORNEY THAT THE ISSUES INVOLVED WOULD COMPEL THE COURT TO HEAR HIS SUIT. THIS SETBACK WILL PRESUMEDLY LEAVE N6QQ NO FURTHER RECOURSE.

KLM HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY TRI-EX TOWER CORP. AND CLYDE BLYLEVEN OF TRI-EX IS TAKING OVER THE COMBINED KLM/TRI-EX SALES AND MARKETING EFFORT. KLM FOUNDERS MIKE STAAL AND MEL FARRER WILL CONTINUE TO RUN ENGINEERING AND PRODUCTION AT KLM. (HRR)

LEW MCCOY, W1ICP, IS LEAVING THE ARRL EFFECTIVE MAY 15 AND WILL PROBABLY BE MOVING TO THE SOUTHWEST. HIS DEPARTURE IS FOR A ONE-YEAR MEDICAL LEAVE RELATING TO HIS HEART ATTACK EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT LEW DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE RETURNING TO THE LEAGUE. JOE MOSKEY W1JMY, QST'S CIRCULATION MANAGER IS ALSO TAKING A ONE YEAR MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE. CHOD HARRIS WB2CHO, HAS RESIGNED AS ARRL MANAGER OF CLUBS AND TRAINING AND WILL BE LEAVING THE LEAGUE EFFECTIVE JUNE 2. CHOD'S DEPARTURE IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES NEWLY OPENED TO HIM BY CHANGES IN PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. ROSALIE WHITE WA1STO, IS TAKING OVER CHOD'S JOB.

CONFUSION SAY: HOW COME IT TAKES 35 MILLION LAWS TO ENFORCE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.....